



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: March 16th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040

Meeting Link: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

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AGENDA:

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meetings held on January 25th, 2022 and February 8th, 2022.
- B. Discussion with possible action on the Laredo Webb County Area MPO's participation in the River Road Planning Study in collaboration with the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority, and any other matters incident thereto.
- C. Discussion with possible action on the Hacher-Reuthinger Road project.

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V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

- A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- B. Presentation by MPO staff on the results of the survey ranking TxDOT's unfunded projects list for Laredo and Webb County.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

City of Laredo Representatives:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI

County of Webb Representatives:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

State Representative:

Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr. P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

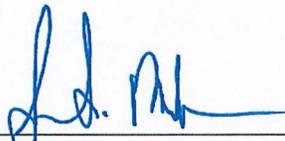
Private Sector Representative (Member at Large):

Mr. Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.

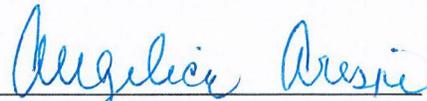
Ex-Officio Representatives:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42
Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:



Juan S. Mendive,
LWCAMPO Interim Director



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
Laredo City Secretary



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25TH, 2022

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz, called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Graciela Briones, LWCAMPO Staff, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V
Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., Private Sector
David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., TxDOT District Engineer (joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.)

Regular members not present:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable Dr. Marte A. Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI

Judge Tijerina made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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LWCAMPO Staff present:

Juan Mendive, LWCAMPO Interim Director
Graciela Briones, LWCAMPO Planner
Julio Niño, LWCAMPO Planner
Angie Quijano, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

Others:

Ramon Chavez, COL Engineering Department
Gloria Perez-Saavedra, COL Engineering Department
Yvette Limon, COL Bridge Department
Teclo Garcia, COL Economic Development Department.
Luis Perez-Garcia, Webb County Engineering
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering
Sandy Esparza, Transit, El Metro
Sara Garza, TxDOT
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Jed Brown, RMA
Oscar Lopez, RMA
Tony Arce Jr., RMA
Arturo Dominguez, RMA
George Beckelhymer, RMA
Melisa Montemayor, HNTB, Inc.
Sid Mielke, Structural Engineering Associates (SEA)
Jose Ceballos
Belinda Peña

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Jose Ceballos spoke in favor of items IV-E, IV-G, and IV-H.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on December 15th, 2021.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **approve** the minutes of December 15th, 2021.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-213 intended to provide for preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of existing World Trade Bridge. The estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$16,000,000. The project sponsor is the City of Laredo and the proposed letting date is FY 2024.
2. **Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-166 for the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road. **Purpose** of amendment is to update the project description to read “new location construction of 4-lane divided highway” to adequately describe the initial construction phase(s).
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5. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-01-073 for the widening of SH 359. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$7,000,000 in category 11 funds.
6. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-089 for the reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$2,605,222 in category 11 funds and decrease category 10 funds from \$9,000,000 to \$4,285,269.
7. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-088 reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads at University Blvd. to Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to replace \$11,500,000 in category 4 funds with category 2U funds, increase category 10 funds from \$8,500,000 to \$22,000,000, and include \$11,894,778 in category 11 funds.
8. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-079 for the construction of US 59 interchange at University Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$2,514,639 in category 10 funds.
9. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-076 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$10,356,549 in category 10 funds.
10. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-075 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Del Mar Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$4,346,123 in category 10 funds.
11. **Reprogramming** of project CSJ 0018-06-185 for the construction of a new direct connector (#3) south I-35 to east I-69W. **Purpose** of amendment is to remove this project from the 2021-2024 TIP as the updated letting date for this project has been changed to FY 2026 and is outside of the current TIP years.
12. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-086 for the reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with a section including 3-lane frontage roads from US 59 to 0.4 miles north of E. Corridor Rd. (airport). **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase category 12 funds from \$15,600,000 to \$29,290,676.

13. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Jacaman Rd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase category 12 funds from \$17,000,000 to \$21,742,567.
14. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of US 59 interchange at airport. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$16,418,996 in category 12 funds.
15. **Administrative Amendment** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 to improve connections, accessibility and security for up to 17 bus stops. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2022 to FY 2023. This project letting date revision is listed for informational purposes only as moving a letting date within the TIP years does not require a formal revision.
16. **Administrative Amendment** of project CSJ 0086-02-023 for the widening of SH 359 from 8.935 miles east of SL 20 and 9.830 miles east of SL 20. **Purpose** of amendment is to adjust the ROW purchase cost information. Change in ROW cost information does not require a formal revision.

Cm. David Salazar joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to open the public hearing.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Mendive, MPO Interim Director gave a quick overview of the 2021-2024 TIP and STIP revision process and read all the proposed amendments.

Mayor Saenz stated he would like to abstain from any project located along Hwy 359 (Item 5 and Item 16) as he owned property in the area.

David Salazar, TxDOT, provided a brief overview of the reasons behind the proposed amendments.

Judge Tijerina asked if for item 1 a Presidential permit was needed. And, if so, what was the reason the item was included in the list.

Mr. Mendive explained this was a project being sponsored by the City of Laredo that will seek Federal funding allocations and the 1st step was to list it in the current TIP.

Mr. David Salazar continued with the quick summary of the proposed amendments.

Judge Tijerina asked what was the total amount for these items.

Mr. Salazar and Mr. Gonzalez from TxDOT responded it was approximately a total of \$34.1M in Category 12 that was approved in the UTP 2022 and \$21.5M in Category 11 from TXDOT funds. Both projects were already in the STIP and some with environmental clearances completed.

Juan Mendive, MPO Interim Director stated the addition of the expansion to World Trade Bridge project to the MPO documents was an important step for FHWA be able to participate in the development of the project.

Sid Mielke, Structural Engineering Associates (SEA), stated that the rules for the permitting have changed in early 2019. He stated there was executive order issued that altered the way how presidential permits were reviewed and issued and also how the environmental clearances were issued and the timing for it. When the executive order was issued, the requirement for the Department of State to be the authority over the environmental clearance of a project was removed. It also reversed the order in which the environmental clearance was to be done relative to the presidential permit. And, it allowed the presidential permit application be submitted up front and be approved with the agreement that all other permitting would be done. It did not define who would be the responsible agency on the federal side for the environmental clearance. He stated they had been in discussions with Federal Highway and they had agreed to be the federal reviewer of the environmental assessments for projects that require presidential permits. However, in order for them to participate, any project would have to be listed within the TIP and the STIP for the state. It would also have to have a small amount of funding assigned to it that would allowed them to participate.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **initiate** a 10-day public review and comment period.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 2 (Mayor Saenz, only for items 5 & 16)

Motion carried.

- C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revision(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-213 intended to provide for preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of existing World Trade Bridge. The estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$16,000,000. The project sponsor is the City of Laredo and the proposed letting date is FY 2024.
 2. **Revision** of *Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP* as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **open** the public hearing.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
 For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **initiate** a 10-day public review and comment period.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
 For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- D. Discussion with possible action on scheduling a Special MPO Policy Committee meeting the second week of February 2022 to receive public testimony and consider final action on the proposed revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Cm. Gutierrez made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
 For: 5

Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion with possible action on committing and allocating FY 2024 Category 7 funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 towards CSJ 0922-33-213 World Trade Bridge Expansion project.

Cm. Gutierrez made a motion to **approve** on committing and allocating FY 2024 Category 7 funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 towards CSJ 0922-33-213 World Trade Bridge Expansion project.

Second: Mayor Saenz
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

F. Discussion and recommendation on approving resolution No. MPO 2022-01, adopting and supporting the Texas Department of Transportation's 2022 targets for the following federal Safety Performance Measures:

1. Number of Traffic Fatalities.
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
3. Number of Serious Injuries.
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **approve** resolution No. MPO 2022-01, adopting and supporting the Texas Department of Transportation's 2022 targets for the following federal Safety Performance Measures:

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

G. Discussion with possible action on the River Road project.

Mr. Mendive stated the RMA's legal team would find out how the MPO could participate in the River Road study with the RMA. Once that is confirmed, it would be discussed with the technical committee and give a recommendation to the policy committee.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **table** the item to the next meeting.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

H. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.

Mr. Salazar, TxDOT, stated the design was moving forward and the environment clearance should be cleared by December.

V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

Jed Brown, RMA, stated that there were four additional members of the RMA present at the meeting. He further stated that in the packet there was a status report of seven projects and he was available for any questions. The report read as follows:

1. FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – NTP for the contractor was provided by TxDOT at the end June. Currently, Anderson Columbia is working from Big Bend to South of Killam Industrial Blvd. The Killam Turn Lanes portion of the project and the northern portion of the project began on the week of the 7th of December. TxDOT notified us on 1/11/22, that have pulled away from the work at Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472. Their current focus of work is in the area of Milo and FM 1472. We did not receive a time for commencement of work a Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472.
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – Construction is ongoing. Our 6th construction progress meeting was held on 1/13/21. Currently, the project is scheduled for completion in 6/24/2022. **The project is 60% complete.** By phase, Phase 1 is 50% complete and Phase 2A is 80% complete. Regarding the Cuatro Vientos Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane project, the project was awarded to Anderson Columbia in October 2021. We anticipate construction to commence in early 2022.

3. Springfield Phase III – NTP was provided by the City of Laredo to AZAR Services, LLC on 12/15/21. Since NTP, clearing and grubbing of the project corridor has commenced. The City anticipates a construction progress meeting for the first week of February. Substantial completion is scheduled for 8/29/2022.
4. Webb County Fair Grounds TIA – The RMA team met with the TxDOT Laredo District to discuss future plans for US 59. Tentatively, upgrade of US 59 to IH 69W could begin by 2032 as part of the Ports-to-Ports Initiative. The RMA team also met with the County Consultant, Mr. Judd Gilpin. He informed the team that the current master plan for the Fair Grounds is being revised. The updated master plan is tentatively scheduled to be released by February 2022. Overall, timeframe for completion of the study is the end of 2022.
5. River Road Implementation Study – Awaiting next steps in funding approval to proceed.
6. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) TRZ Study Update – In the January 19th RMA meeting the Board approved entering into an ILA with the City of Laredo to update the 2018 Cuatro Vientos TRZ study with current 2021/ 2022 data.
7. Vallecillo Road – We are continuing to communicate with officials from the Texas Transportation Commission and higher regarding the importance of the project to the Laredo Greater Area and the State.

Other Items:

- The WCCL RMA conducted a Transportation Reinvestment Zone Workshop for the full WCCL RMA Board, members of City Council, members of Commissioners Court and members of the MPO staff on 12/17/21.
 - The WCCL RMA conducted the January Board meeting on 1/19/22.
 - The WCCL RMA Project Report for 2021 will be distributed to members of the Policy Committee this month.
- B. Update by City of Laredo Engineering staff on the FM 1472/Flecha Ln. Realignment (CSJ 0922-33-076) and Calton Road Grade Separation (CSJ 0922-33-093) projects listed in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ramon Chavez, City Engineer, stated that a status report was included as part of the packet and introduced Ms. Gloria Perez-Saavedra who gave a presentation on the status of both projects. She stated she would be available for any questions.

- C. Discussion and review of TxDOT's FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and unfunded projects, and discussion on the survey of MPO Technical and Policy Committee members regarding the ranking of unfunded projects.

Humberto “Tito” Gonzalez stated Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT, was going to provide a brief scope and description of the projects.

Roberto Rodriguez gave a brief presentation of the item and went over the list of unfunded projects.

Mayor Saenz left the meeting at approximately 2:43 p.m.

Mr. Mendive stated that he would send out a survey to the MPO Policy and Technical Committee members and to consider how the projects improve safety, reduce congestion and promote mobility equity in the region.

VI. DIRECTOR’s COMMENTS

Mr. Mendive advised the committee that the audit of the MPO by TxDOT was initiated and is ongoing.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Tijerina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 P.M.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Juan S. Mendive
Interim LWCAMPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO
Chairperson



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Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson (joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.)

Regular members not present:

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7. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-088 reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads at University Blvd. to Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to replace \$11,500,000 in Category 4 funds with Category 2U funds, increase Category 10 funds from \$8,500,000 to \$22,000,000, and include \$11,894,778 in Category 11 funds.

8. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-079 for the construction of US 59 interchange at University Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$2,514,639 in Category 10 funds.
9. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-076 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$10,356,549 in Category 10 funds.
10. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-075 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Del Mar Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$4,346,123 in Category 10 funds.
11. **Reprogramming** of project CSJ 0018-06-185 for the construction of a new direct connector (#3) south I-35 to east I-69W. **Purpose** of amendment is to remove this project from the 2021-2024 TIP as the updated letting date for this project has been changed to FY 2026 and is outside of the current TIP years.
12. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-086 for the reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with a section including 3-lane frontage roads from US 59 to 0.4 miles north of E. Corridor Rd. (airport). **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase Category 12 funds from \$15,600,000 to \$29,290,676.
13. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Jacaman Rd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase Category 12 funds from \$17,000,000 to \$21,742,567.
14. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of US 59 interchange at airport. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$16,418,996 in Category 12 funds.

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Cm. J. Gonzalez joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to open the public hearing.

Second: Cm. J. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Saenz joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Judge Tijerina stated that the latest Laredo Bridge System Master Plan study he has from 9/23/2021 has never been presented to the MPO committee. He stated, one of the concerns he had in regards to the expansion of the World Trade Bridge was that that on page 201 of the study it stated that the alternative did not provide an improvement to reduce congestion at the Point of Entry (POE) regarding total volume through crossings and waiting times. He further stated that besides the project going from \$12M to \$16M, he did not understand why the MPO would keep pushing for said project when in reality, the monies could be used somewhere else. He also stated that if the outcome of the studies that usually cost \$400K-\$500K, is not going to be taken into consideration, then it was an injustice for the people of Webb County and the City of Laredo for spending of monies that we might not have to.

Mayor Saenz briefly provided his comments about the proposed expansion of World Trade bridge and the proposed construction of bridge 4-5. He further asked the consultant to approach the podium to elaborate on the topic.

Sid Mielke, Structural Engineering Associates, stated that the purpose for the City to have brought the project to the MPO was because the rules have changed relative to presidential permitting and it would apply to any presidential permit that has or will be issued in the coming future. He continued stating that with the changing of the rules in 2019, there were some changes on the way presidential permit issues were developed and it was not defined which agency was going to be the lead agency for environmental clearance. After an investigation some years ago, it was determined that Federal Highway Administration was willing to step forward and be the lead agency for the environmental clearance for an international bridge project. GSA or CBP did not desire to be in that role. Therefore, in order for Federal Highway Administration to be a part of an international bridge project, there has to be a methodology for the federal highways to be able to participate. Such methodology was determined in coordination with dealing with federal highways that a small sum of federal construction money would be assigned to the project. This allowed the Federal Highway Administration to take the role to be the lead and reviewers for the environmental clearance process. He further mentioned that he agreed that the expansion of the bridge itself if nothing changes, it won't help the port processing more vehicles but all the projects ongoing that are planned and some already funded will contribute to the expansion of processing through World Trade Bridge.

David Salazar, TxDOT, stated that he is aware of the \$1M already setting aside for this \$16M project but, if a year goes by and the project is not funded, he asked if the project would then be removed from the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). He also stated this would be a good time to be looking as to where the rest of the monies will come from.

Mr. Mielke stated that the City of Laredo stated publicly that all of the remaining funds would be funded through the City of Laredo. He stated that the City of Laredo had already identified all the funding and was already stated in the presidential permit application. He stated that this participation of funding was needed for the Federal Highway to be the reviewer of the environmental clearance for the project. He further explained that the bridge currently has 8 lanes total and the proposed expansion will bring another 8 lanes and the expansion will improve the processing time of trucks through World Trade Bridge.

Yvette Limon, Bridge Director, stated all three projects combined and all the efforts that TxDOT was doing outside of the Loop would increase the flow through the port. She stated all the trucks that enter the port do not necessarily go straight to the exit. There are processes that happen within the port that would allow an even flow to the exit and out on to Loop 20 I-69 west. The new expansion project would allow Custom Border Projection (CBP) to process non-fast, non cp pad cargo shipments.

Mr. Mielke stated to conclude his participation that what they recommended to the City and the City is asking the MPO for this project to be listed the current TIP, the MTP and the allocation of up to \$1M dollars for FHWA be able to review the environmental clearance.

Jose Ceballos stated he was there to ask the MPO committee to support the resolutions as revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP and, was also in support of items IV-A-1, 2, 3, and 4 as well as the revision to the 2020-2045 MTP, item IV-B-1 supporting the expansion of the World Trade Bridge.

Judge Tijerina left the meeting at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Cm. J. Gonzalez made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2022-02, adopting the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-03, adopting the following proposed revision(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-213 intended to provide for preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of the World Trade Bridge consisting of 8 lanes by building a new 8 lane bridge adjacent to the existing bridge for a total of 16 lanes after completion of the project. The estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$16,000,000. The project sponsor is the City of Laredo and the proposed letting date is FY2024.
2. **Revision** of *Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP* as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP.

Cm. J. Gonzalez made a motion to **open** the public hearing.

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Motion carried unanimously

No public comments were provided.

Cm. J. Gonzalez made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2022-03, adopting the following proposed revision(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C. Discussion with possible action to cancel the February 16th, 2022 regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting.

Cm. J. Gonzalez made a motion to **cancel** the February 16th, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Motion carried unanimously

V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

- A. Discussion on potential transportation improvement opportunities on FM-1472 (Mines Rd.) within Laredo and Webb County in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Mayor Saenz).

Mayor Saenz stated he requested to put the item on the agenda as a result of his conversation with the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Alejandro Mayorkas. He stated Mr. Mayorkas asked what were the needs our city in terms of border security. He also stated one of the variants was the Mines Road area. He stated there was a possibility to incorporate Mines Road to the Eagle Pass Border Patrol sector and with the help of Webb County and the Laredo Border Patrol sector, with a road tied to the river and would serve as a border security road. He stated Mr. Mayorkas liked the idea and will try to push the idea on his side. Mayor Saenz stated he would try and do the same thing.

Cm. Gutierrez left the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Jose Ceballos requested to be included as part of these meetings with stakeholders.

Mr. Mendive stated that this item was added at the request of the Mayor and that this was a good forum to discuss the issue, the location of the roadway is outside of the MPO boundary.

David Salazar, TxDOT, stated that the route in question is a viable route. He stated the route definitely needed to be looked at. He stated the first step would be a feasibility study to check if it is feasible and what would benefit from it. He also stated that the project sponsors would also need to talk to the land owners. He stated that a good faith effort meeting with the entities from that area would be a good start.

Cm. Perez suggested forming some kind of coalition or resolution and to also include stakeholders. She also suggested to possibly ask the Department of Homeland Security to provide the funding for the feasibility study.

Cm. J. Gonzalez asked if creating the coalition would fall under the City and/or County or if it could be done through the MPO as it appears to be out of the MPO scope. Mr. Mendive confirmed that it is outside the scope of the MPO and Mr. Salazar agreed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Cm. J. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Juan S. Mendive
Interim LWCAMPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO
Chairperson

**LAREDO WEBB COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 03-16-22	SUBJECT: MOTION Discussion with possible action on the Laredo Webb County Area MPO’s participation in the River Road Planning Study in collaboration with the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
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INITIATED BY: MPO Staff	STAFF SOURCE Juan S. Mendive, Interim MPO Director
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BACKGROUND:

The River Road project is a proposed roadway that would run parallel to Mines Rd. (FM 1472) with the goal of providing a relief route to reduce congestion on FM 1472. The project is listed on the MPO’s 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) “Project Needs List” and has been previously discussed and studied over the years. Most recently, in 2020, the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) recommended the project (identified as Aquero Blvd.) in the North Laredo-Webb County Transportation Planning Study.

On October 12, 2021 the MPO Technical Committee made a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee to support and explore the possibility of developing the River Road project and/or other relief routes for FM 1472. It was also recommended that the MPO collaborate with the RMA on the project.

During the November 17, 2021 MPO Policy Committee, the RMA presented a proposal to undertake a study in participation with the MPO, with each party sharing 50% of the cost. Per memorandum from the RMA dated December 15, 2021, the total cost of the study is \$250K.

The planning study would consist of the following:

- Develop a final alignment of the roadway project and determine the traffic benefits for the surrounding area. The study will investigate 2 possible alignment routes and a No-Build option.
 - Alignment will be developed with stakeholder (Private Landowners, City of Laredo, Webb County, LPD, LFD, UISD, CBP, etc.) input via workshops and public meetings.
 - Environmental Constraints Mapping and Analysis to identify areas of concern to avoid in the alignment (archaeological, biological, cultural, waters of the US, etc.).
 - Traffic Analysis to determine the benefits of the movement of traffic to the surrounding roadways such as FM 1472, Killam Industrial Blvd., River Bank Road, etc.

If the MPO Policy Committee decides to participate in this study, the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will need to be amended to include the cost of the MPO’s participation. The amended UPWP will then need to be sent to FHWA and TxDOT for approval. No costs can be incurred until approval is received.

*Memorandum attached.

LWCAMPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval
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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 15, 2021

To: Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
From: Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Chairman Jed Brown

Purpose: Aquero Blvd. (River Road) Planning Study Background and Overview

1. The North Laredo Webb County Planning Study that was jointly funded by the RMA and the Laredo MPO Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funds (FHWA) via an Advanced Funding Agreement with the TxDOT Laredo District was completed in March 2020. *(Note: This is the only study that has been jointly funded by the WCCL RMA and the Laredo MPO).*
 - A final presentation was provided to the Laredo MPO Policy Committee in February 2020.
 - The North Laredo Webb County Planning Study is the **Master Plan for the North Area** as the limits of the Study span from North of IH 69-W to SH 255 and is bounded by the Rio Grande to the West and IH 35 to the East. It provides the following:
 - A list of projects to implement from 2021 to 2040 that will improve mobility in that entire region.
 - A schedule of when each project should be constructed over the 20-year time frame.
 - An order of magnitude construction cost estimate for each project (accounting for inflation for the forecasted construction time).
 - A map depicting all of the master plan improvements.
2. Per the schedule in the North Laredo Webb County Planning Study, the planning phase for Aquero Blvd. (River Road) would commence in 2021/2022. *(Note that the Laredo MPO funded a 2006 Study that spanned from south of Bridges 1 and 2 to FM 1472).* The study for Aquero Blvd. (River Road) would consist of the following:
 - Develop a final alignment of the roadway project and determine the traffic benefits for the surrounding area. The study will investigate 2 possible alignment routes and a No-Build option.
 - Alignment will be developed with stakeholder (Private Landowners, City of Laredo, Webb County, LPD, LFD, UISD, CBP, etc.) input via workshops and public meetings
 - Environmental Constraints Mapping and Analysis to identify areas of concern to avoid in the alignment (archaeological, biological, cultural, waters of the US, etc.).
 - Traffic Analysis to determine the benefits of the movement of traffic to the surrounding roadways such as FM 1472, Killam Industrial Blvd., River Bank Road, etc.
 - Total duration of study would be 12 months.
 - Next steps after the study would be to develop a roadway schematic for environmental clearance, identification and acquisition of ROW and identify utility conflicts.
3. Cost and Funding of the Aquero Blvd. (River Road) Planning Study

- Study Cost is \$250K
 - Project Management - \$25K
 - Environmental Constraints Mapping and Analysis - \$15K
 - Public Involvement and Stakeholder Workshop - \$70K
 - Traffic Analysis and Cost Estimating - \$70K
 - Corridor Analyses and Report - \$70K
 - Study Funding
 - WCCL RMA - \$125K
 - Laredo MPO - \$125K
4. The Aquero (River Road) Corridor Study can be performed with a consultant that has been procured via a Professional Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ) pursuant and in compliance of the Texas Procurement Act.
- WCCL RMA can advertise an RFQ for 30 days and negotiate a contract with a consultant specific for this Study.
 - Oversight of the consultant would be performed by the WCCL RMA General Engineering Consultant (HNTB Corporation)
 - Duration of time between WCCL RMA Board of Directors Approval of the RFQ advertisement, advertisement duration, consultant selection, contract negotiation and award would be about 90 days.
 - WCCL RMA can also utilize the GEC to perform the study. The GEC was procured in 2015 via an advertised RFQ process pursuant and in compliance of the Texas Procurement Act.
 - WCCL RMA GEC has performed a similar function in the past to develop the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study.
 - The question of the GEC being able to perform the study which was funded with CBI (federal dollars) was discussed by the Laredo MPO in the March 2018 and April 2018 Policy Committee Meetings.
 - WCCL RMA Legal Counsel, Juan Cruz of J. Cruz and Associates provided a presentation to the Policy Committee in April 2018 describing the Texas Procurement Act and the RFQ process that the WCCL RMA followed to select and contract the HNTB Corporation as their GEC.
 - The Laredo MPO Policy Committee passed a motion in April 2018 authorizing the WCCL RMA and the MPO to enter into an agreement to conduct the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study with an 80/ 20 cost sharing between the Laredo MPO and the WCCL RMA. The vote passed unanimously with all present 6-0.
 - The Laredo MPO Policy Committee revised the motion in May 2018 to simply allocate the CBI funds for the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study, pending an execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement between TxDOT and the WCCL RMA with the cost being divided 80% via CBI funds and 20% via RMA funds. The vote passed unanimously with all present 7-0.

End of Memorandum

IV-C. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger project.

V-A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

Angelica Quijano

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Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Juan Mendive; Angelica Quijano
Cc: .62804 WCCL Project Documents Control; Doug Howland; Melisa Montemayor; Jed Brown
Subject: RE: MPO Policy Committee Packet March 16, 2022 - FOR REVIEW

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Team, please see the update below. Please include in the Policy Committee packet.

1. FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – NTP for the contractor was provided by TxDOT at the end June. Currently, Anderson Columbia is working from Big Bend to South of Killam Industrial Blvd. The Killam Turn Lanes portion of the project and the northern portion of the project began on the week of the 7th of December. TxDOT notified us on 1/11/22, that have pulled away from the work at Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472. Their current focus of work is around Milo and FM 1472. The commencement of work a Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 will occur in May 2022.
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – Construction is ongoing. Our 7th construction progress meeting was held on 2/15/22. Currently, the project is scheduled for completion in 6/24/2022. **The project is 60% complete.** By phase, Phase 1 is 50% complete and Phase 2A is 90% complete.
3. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project - The project was awarded to Anderson Columbia in October 2021. Construction to commence on the week of the 14th of March.
4. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) TRZ Study Update – Awaiting approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo. Upon approval, work will commence on the TRZ Study.
5. Springfield Phase III – NTP was provided by the City of Laredo to AZAR Services, LLC on 12/15/21. Since NTP, clearing and grubbing of the project corridor has commenced. The first progress meeting occurred on 2/16/22. Substantial completion is scheduled for 8/29/2022.
6. Webb County Fair Grounds TIA – The RMA team met with the TxDOT Laredo District to discuss the future plans for US 59. Tentatively, upgrade of US 59 to IH 69W could begin by 2032 as part of the Ports-to-Ports Initiative. The RMA team also met with the County Consultant, Mr. Judd Gilpin. He informed the team that the current master plan for the Fair Grounds is being revised. The updated master plan is tentatively scheduled to be released by April 2022. The Team is focusing on the existing conditions model for the study. Traffic Counts and Traffic Movement Data was collected on 3/4 and 3/5 during the Laredo International Fair and Expo. Overall, timeframe for completion of the study is the end of 2022 to early 2023, depending on the availability of the updated master plan.
7. River Road Corridor Study – The Technical committee recommended placing the Study on the March MPO Policy Committee Agenda for Discussion and Possible Action. Upon approval by the MPO Policy Committee to partner with the RMA, the RMA will commence work on the Study. Duration of the study is estimated for 12 months.
8. Vallecillo Road – We are continuing to communicate with officials from the Texas Transportation Commission and higher regarding the importance of the project to the Laredo Greater Area and the State.
9. Other Items:
 - The WCCL RMA will conduct its March Board Meeting on 3/25/22.

If you have any other questions, please let us know. I hope you have a great day.

Thanks.

Antonio Rodriguez, PE

WCCL RMA GEC Deputy Program Manager

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Unfunded Projects Ranking Survey Results



MARCH 16, 2022

Overview

- TxDOT UTP Unfunded Project List and Location Map
- Survey Overview
- Overall Ranking Summary
- Ranking Summary by Group

Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

- TxDOT's 10-year planning document
- Developed annually
- List of projects that TxDOT intends to develop or begin constructing over the next 10 years
- Provides information related to available funding for listed projects

Unfunded Projects Survey

Total Responses: **25**

- MPO Policy Committee: **5**
- MPO Technical Committee: **7**
- Stakeholders (MPO Staff, RMA, & Webb County): **13**

The list includes 18 projects

Project Areas:

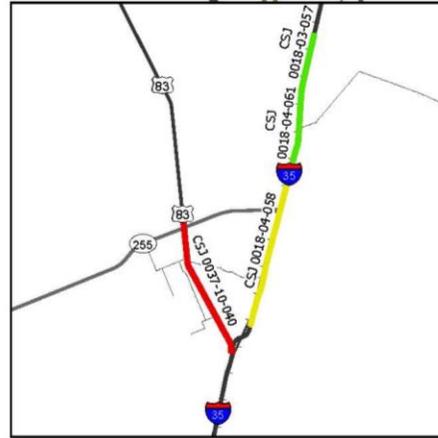
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- SL 20
- Mangana-Hein
- US 83
- Vallecillo Rd.
- Outer Loop

Project	Letting Estimate (\$)
Mangana-Hein Rd = Extension of Loop 20 (0922-33-066) From: Mangana-Hein Rd - To: US83	\$31.9 million
Future Outer Loop = Construct New 2 Lane Hwy [Seg.1 Ph.1] (0922-33-182) From: US 59 - To: SH 255	\$230.9 million
US 59 = Widen Future I-69W to 4 Lane Divided Hwy (0542-02-043) From: Webb/Duval County Line - To: 7.49 mi West of FM 2895	\$295.2 million
Future Outer Loop = Construct New 2 Lane Hwy [Seg.2 Ph.1] (0922-33-039) From: SH 359 - To: US 59	\$75.6 million
US 59 = Widen Future I-69W to 4 Lane Divided Hwy (0542-01-094) From: 7.4 mi West of FM 2895 - To: 3 mi East of Arkansas St. Letting Estimate: \$240.5 million	\$240.5 million
IH 35 = Widen Interstate to 6 Lane (0018-04-058) From: 1.2 mi North of US 83 INT - To: 7 mi North of US 83 INT	\$83.87 million
SL 20 = Construct Overpass at Sierra Vista Blvd (0086-16-010) From: 0.1 mi South of Sierra Vista Blvd - To: 0.1 mi North of Sierra Vista Blvd	\$27 million
SL 20 = Construct Overpass at Lomas Del Sur Blvd (0086-16-008) From: 0.1 mi South of Lomas Del Sur Blvd - To: 0.1 mi North of Lomas Del Sur Blvd	\$27 million
IH 35 = Widen of IH 35/Carriers Dr. Bridge (0018-05-098) From: 1.3 mi South of Carriers - To: Uniroyal Interchange	\$22 million
Vallecillo Rd. = Construct New 4 Lane [Off-System] Hwy with Continuous Turn Lane (0922-33-205) From: FM 1472 - To: IH 35	\$31.5 million
IH 35 = Widen Interstate to 6 Lane (0018-03-057) From 9.8 mi South of La Salle County Line - To: 8.3 mi South of La Salle County Line	\$21.7 million
IH 35 = Construct New Direct Connector #4 [Westbound US 59 to Northbound IH 35] (0018-06-186) From: 0.5 mi East of IH 35 - To: 0.5 mi North of US 59	\$22 million
SL 20 = Construct Overpass at Cielito Lindo Blvd (0086-16-009) From: 0.1 mi South of Cielito Lindo Blvd - To: 0.1 mi North of Cielito Lindo Blvd	\$27 million
IH 35 = Widen United Ave Overpass (0018-06-196) From: 0.25 mi North of US 59 INT - To: 1.35 mi South of Carrier Dr	\$22 million
IH 35 = Widen Interstate to 6 Lane (0018-04-061) From: 7 mi South of La Salle County Line - To: 9.8 mi South of La Salle County Line	\$55.9 million
US 83 = Widen Future Ports-to-Plains to 4 Lane Divided Hwy (0037-10-040) From: 1 mi North of SH 255 - To: US 83/IH 35 Underpass	\$45 million
Future Outer Loop = Construct 4-Lane Divided Hwy (0992-33-214) From: SH 359 - To: Mangana-Hein Rd	\$245 million
Future Outer Loop = Construct 4-Lane Divided Hwy (0992-33-215) From: Mangana-Hein Rd - To: US 83	\$95.2 million

Webb County Unfunded Projects



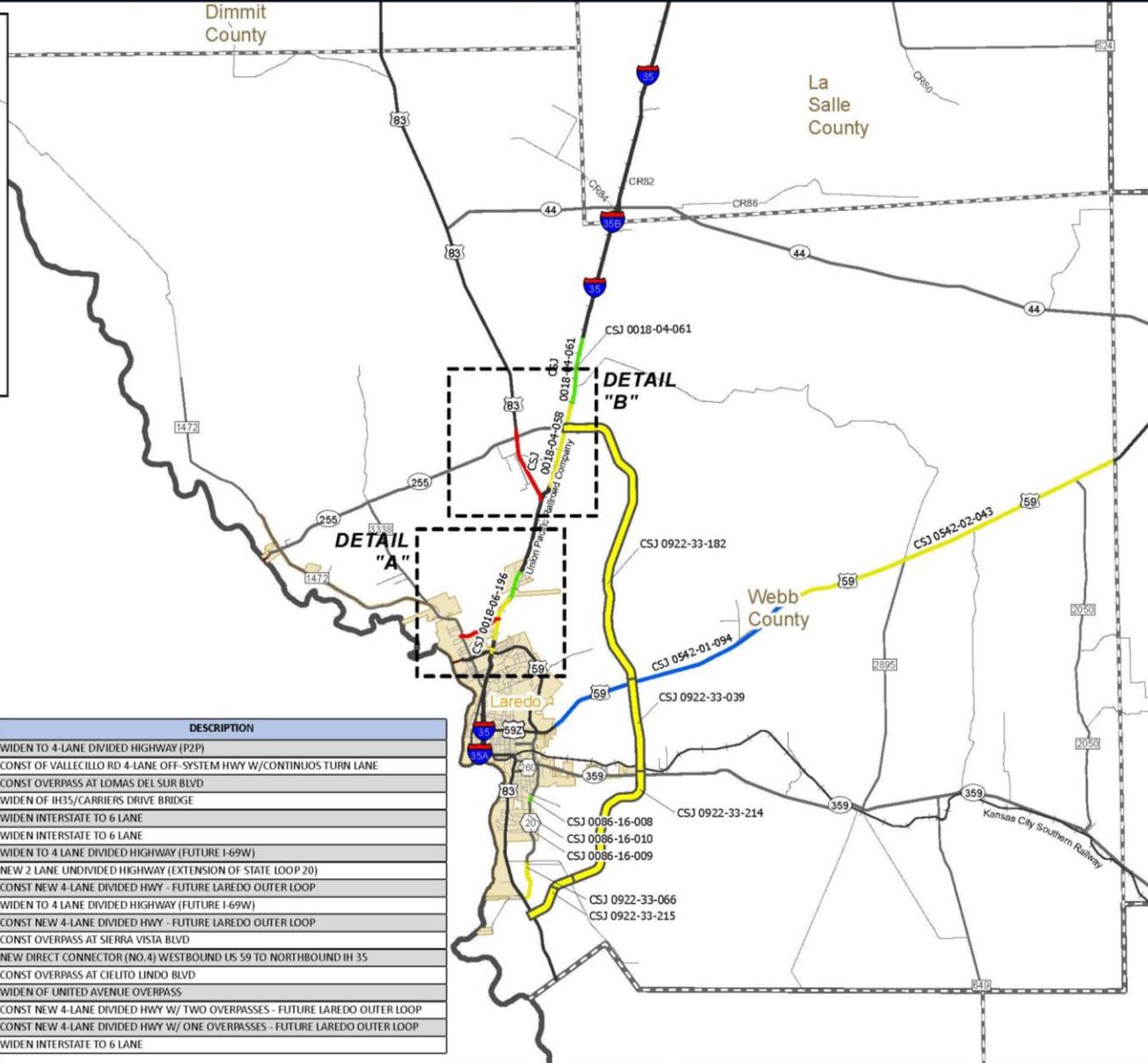
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DETAIL "B" n.t.s.

- 2026
- 2027
- 2031
- 2035
- City Limits
- +— Railroad

PROJECT CSJ	HIGHWAY	LET DATE	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	LETTING ESTIMATE	DESCRIPTION
0037-10-040	US 83	Sep-25	1 MI NORTH OF SH 255	US 83/IH 35 UNDERPASS	\$ 45,000,000	WIDEN TO 4-LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY (P2P)
0922-33-205	VARIOUS	Sep-25	FM 1472	IH 35	\$ 31,500,000	CONST OF VALLECILLO RD 4-LANE OFF-SYSTEM HWY W/CONTINUOUS TURN LANE
0086-16-008	SL 20	Sep-26	0.1 MILES SOUTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD	0.1 MILES NORTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD	\$ 27,000,000	CONST OVERPASS AT LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD
0018-05-098	IH 35	Sep-26	1.353 MILES SOUTH OF CARRIERS RD	UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	\$ 22,000,000	WIDEN OF IH35/CARRIERS DRIVE BRIDGE
0018-03-057	IH 35	Sep-26	9.8 MI SOUTH OF LASALLE CL	8.3 MI SOUTH OF LASALLE CL	\$ 21,700,000	WIDEN INTERSTATE TO 6 LANE
0018-04-061	IH 35	Sep-26	7.0 MI NORTH OF US 83 INT	9.8 MI SOUTH OF LA SALLE CL	\$ 55,900,000	WIDEN INTERSTATE TO 6 LANE
0542-01-094	US 59	Sep-30	7.49 MILES WEST OF FM 2895	3.00 MI EAST OF ARKANSAS STREET	\$ 240,500,000	WIDEN TO 4 LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY (FUTURE I-69W)
0922-33-066	VARIOUS	Sep-34	MANGANA-HEIN ROAD	US83 AT RIO BRAVO	\$ 31,900,000	NEW 2 LANE UNDIVIDED HIGHWAY (EXTENSION OF STATE LOOP 20)
0922-33-182	VARIOUS	Sep-34	US 59	SH 255	\$ 230,900,000	CONST NEW 4-LANE DIVIDED HWY - FUTURE LAREDO OUTER LOOP
0542-02-043	US 59	Sep-34	WEBB/DUVAL COUNTY LINE	7.49 MILES WEST OF FM 2895	\$ 295,200,000	WIDEN TO 4 LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY (FUTURE I-69W)
0922-33-039	VARIOUS	Sep-34	SH 359	US 59	\$ 75,600,000	CONST NEW 4-LANE DIVIDED HWY - FUTURE LAREDO OUTER LOOP
0086-16-010	SL 20	Sep-34	0.1 MILES SOUTH OF SIERRA VISTA BLVD	0.1 MILES NORTH OF SIERRA VISTA BLVD	\$ 27,000,000	CONST OVERPASS AT SIERRA VISTA BLVD
0018-06-186	IH 35	Sep-34	0.50 MI EAST OF IH35	0.50 MI NORTH OF US59	\$ 22,000,000	NEW DIRECT CONNECTOR (NO.4) WESTBOUND US 59 TO NORTHBOUND IH 35
0086-16-009	SL 20	Sep-34	0.1 MILES SOUTH OF CIELITO LINDO BLVD	0.1 MILES NORTH OF CIELITO LINDO BLVD	\$ 27,000,000	CONST OVERPASS AT CIELITO LINDO BLVD
0018-06-196	IH 35	Sep-34	0.25 MI N OF US 59 INT	1.353 MILES SOUTH OF CARRIER	\$ 22,000,000	WIDEN OF UNITED AVENUE OVERPASS
0992-33-214	VARIOUS	Sep-34	SH 359	MANGANA-HEIN ROAD	\$ 245,000,000	CONST NEW 4-LANE DIVIDED HWY W/ TWO OVERPASSES - FUTURE LAREDO OUTER LOOP
0922-33-215	VARIOUS	Sep-34	MANGANA-HEIN ROAD	US 83	\$ 95,200,000	CONST NEW 4-LANE DIVIDED HWY W/ ONE OVERPASSES - FUTURE LAREDO OUTER LOOP
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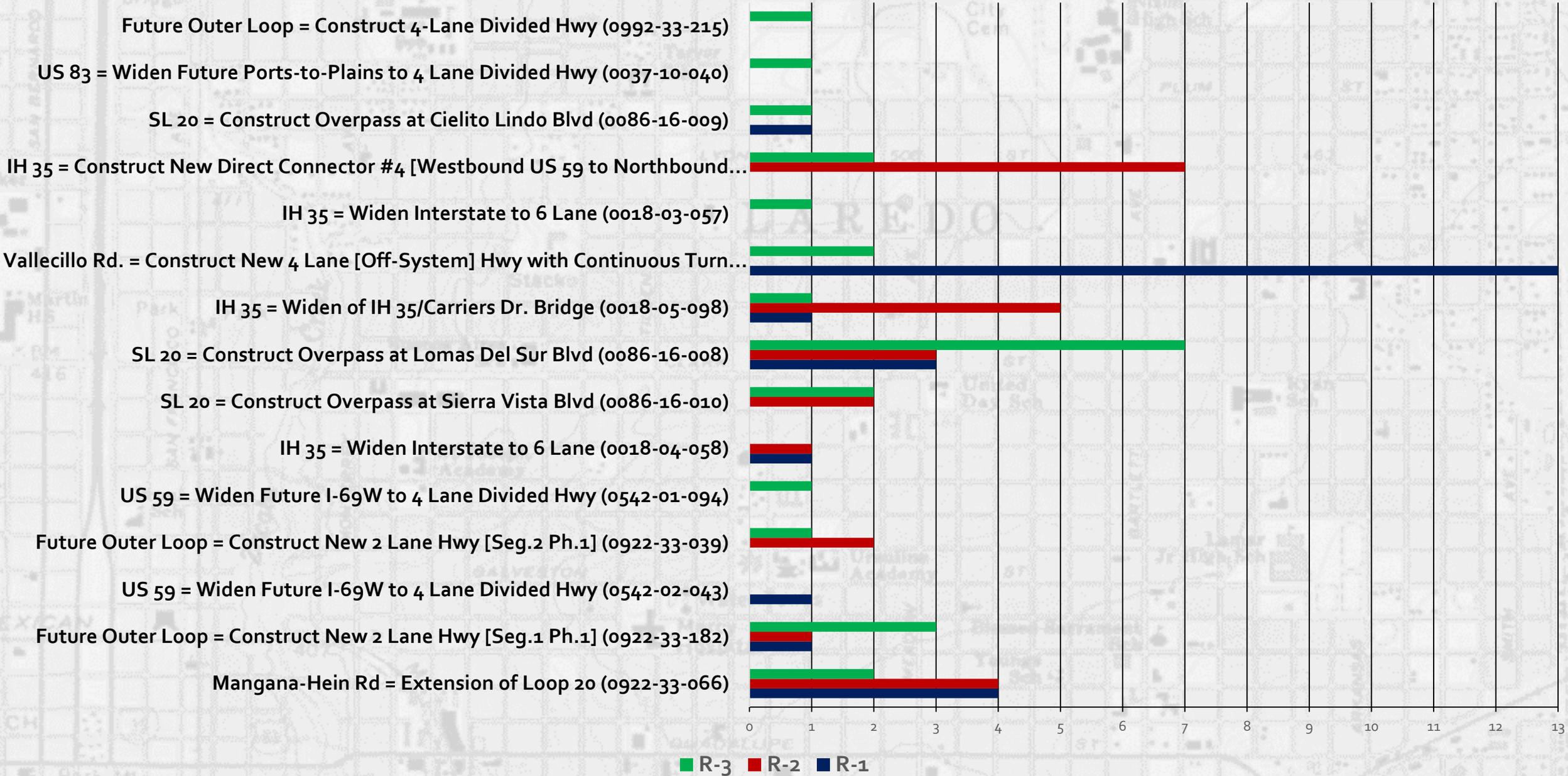


Project Rankings

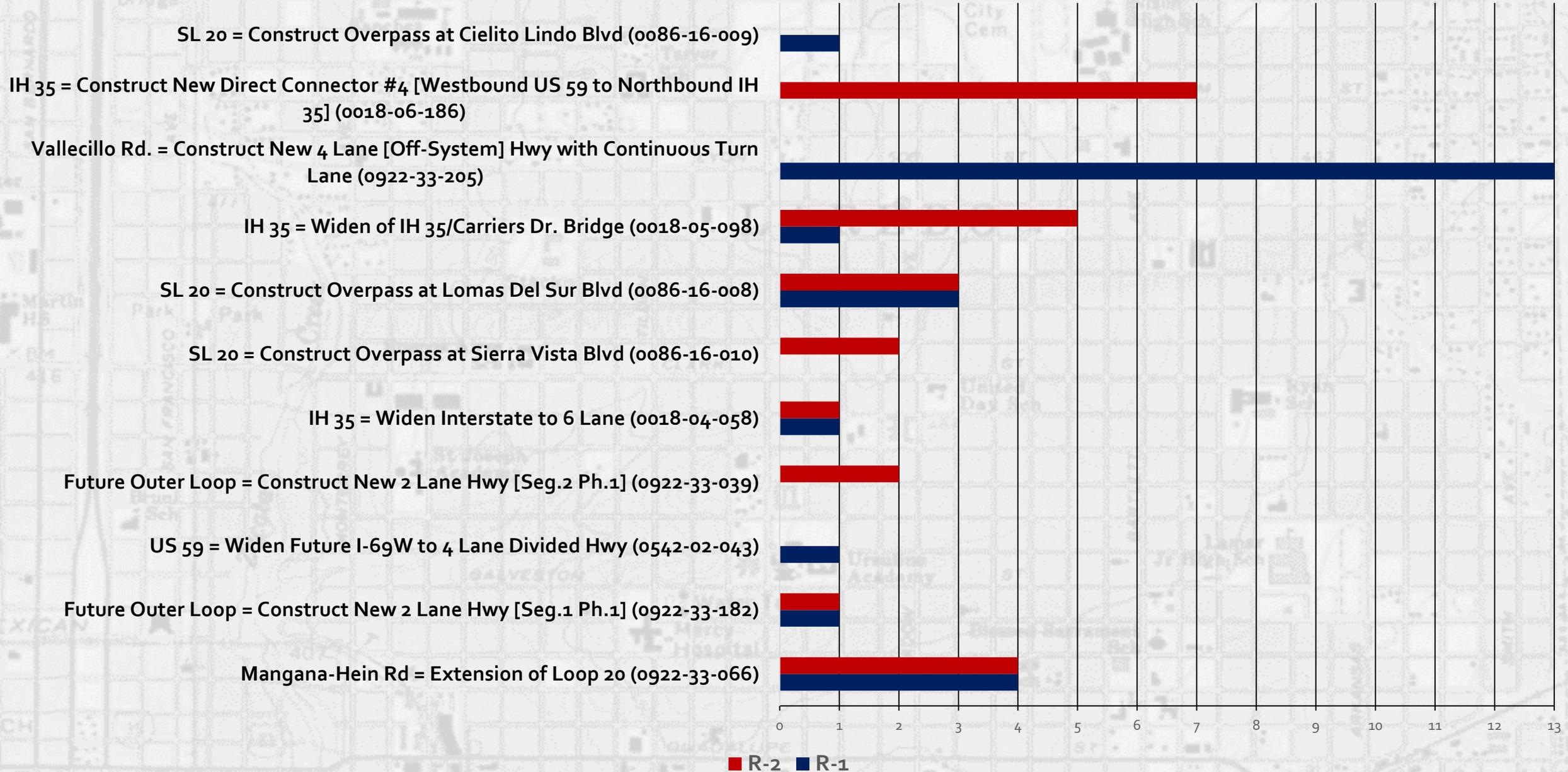
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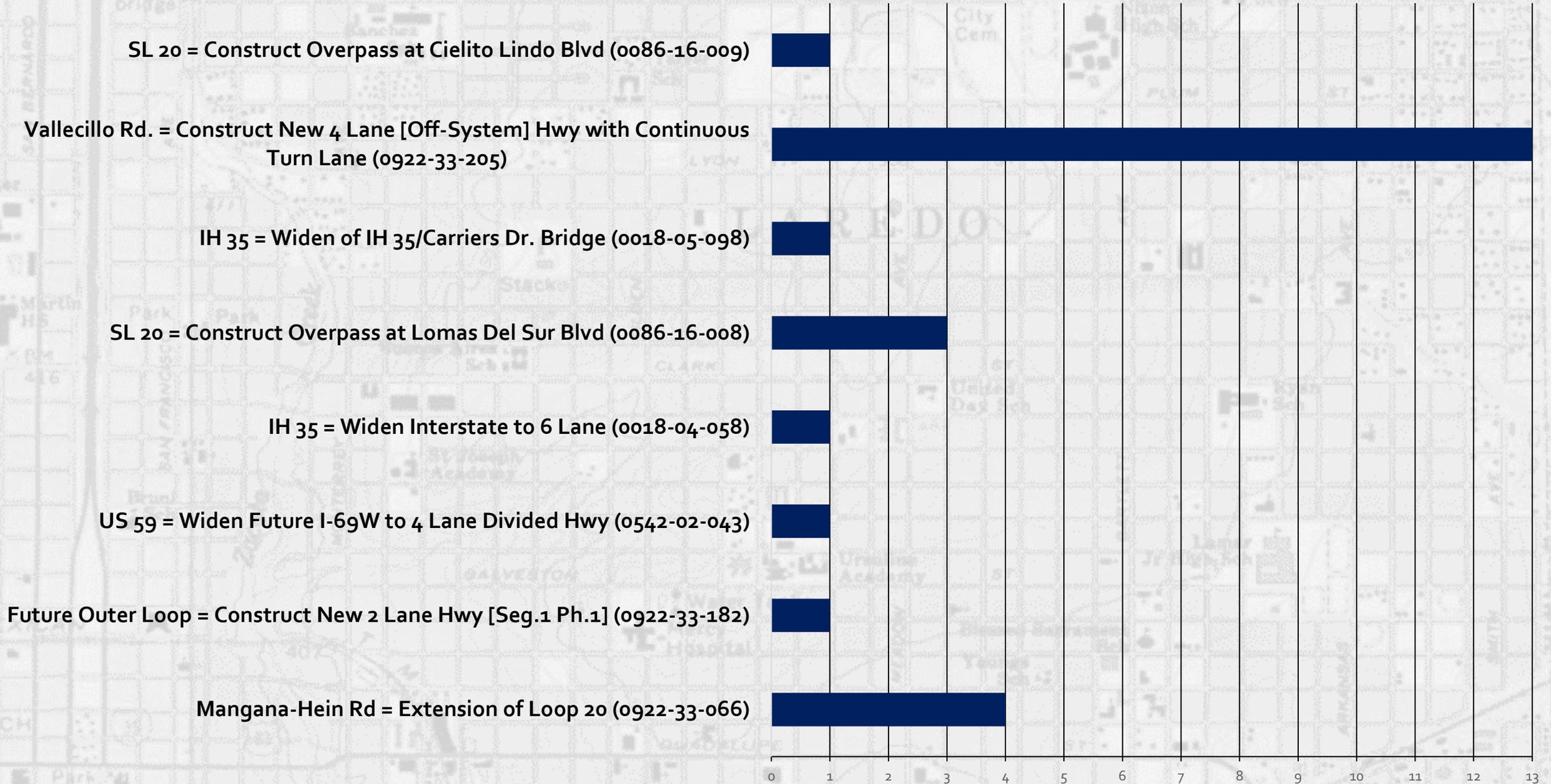
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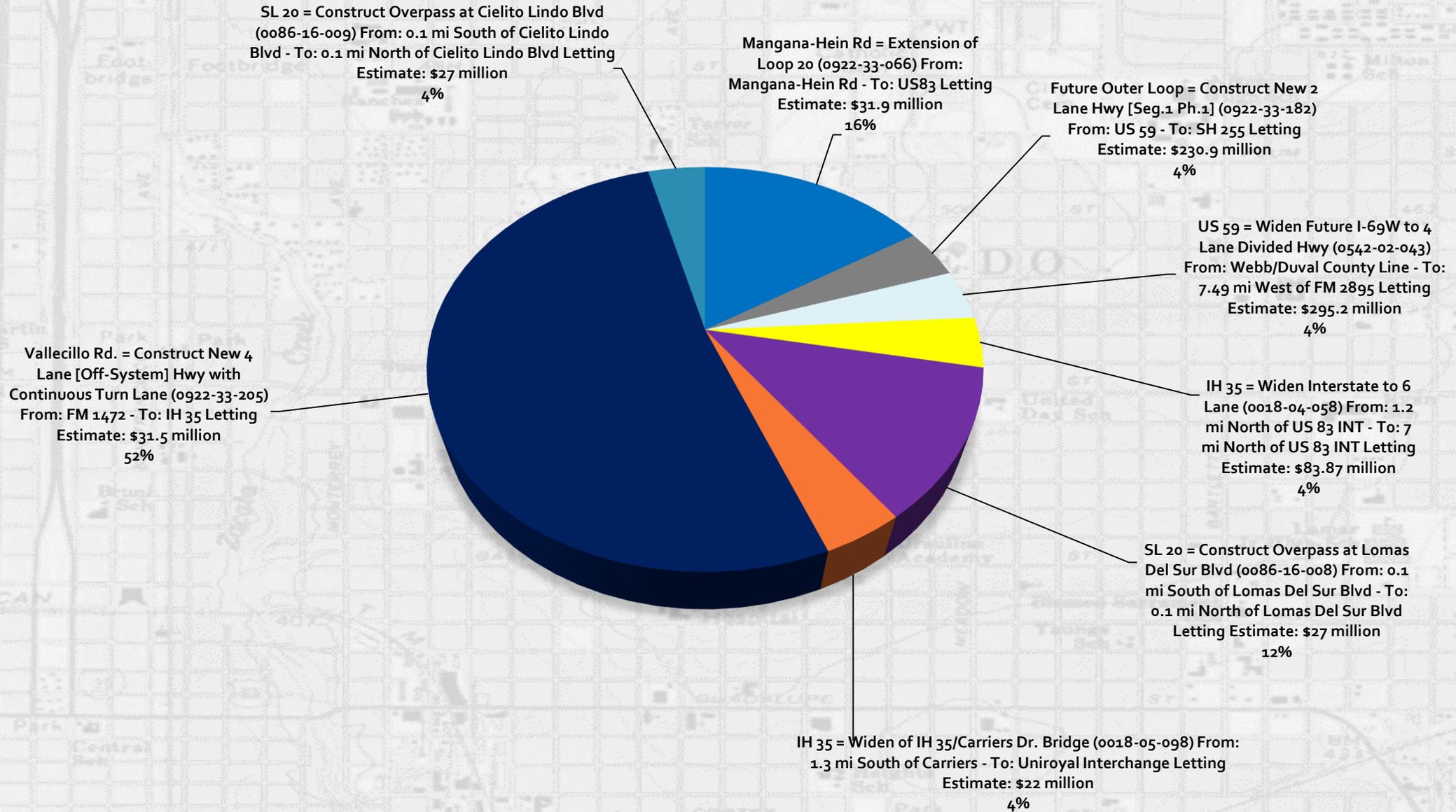
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Responses by Organizations

Respondent Breakdown

- MPO Policy Committee
 - Responses: **5**
- MPO Technical Committee
 - Responses: **7**
- Stakeholders
 - Responses (MPO Staff, RMA, & Webb County): **13**

MPO Policy Committee: Projects Receiving Responses of 1, 2, or 3



MPO Policy Committee: Projects Receiving Responses of 1 or 2

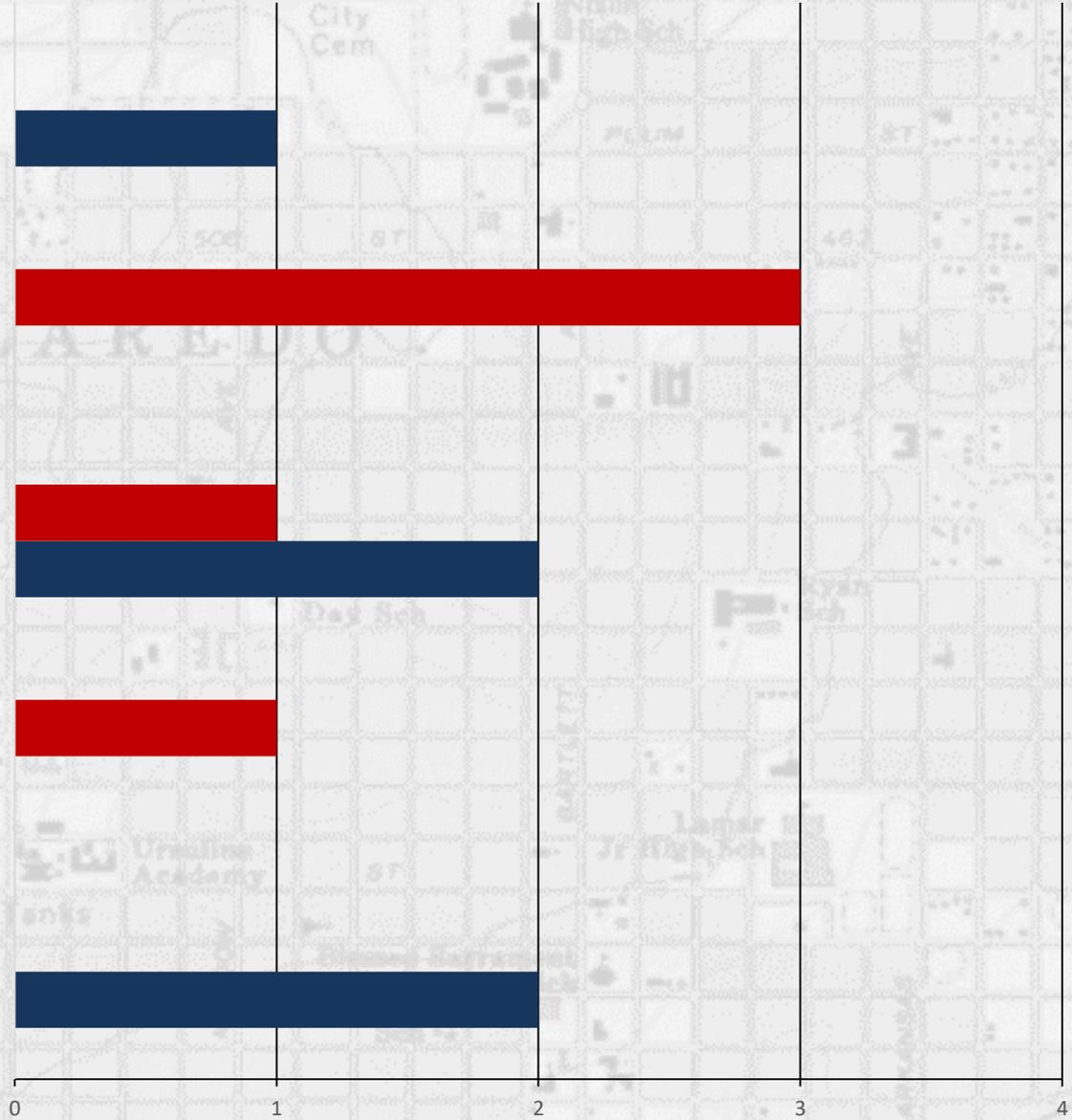
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Future Outer Loop = Construct New 2 Lane Hwy [Seg.2 Ph.1] (0922-33-039)

Mangana-Hein Rd = Extension of Loop 20 (0922-33-066)



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MPO Policy Committee: Projects Receiving Responses of 1

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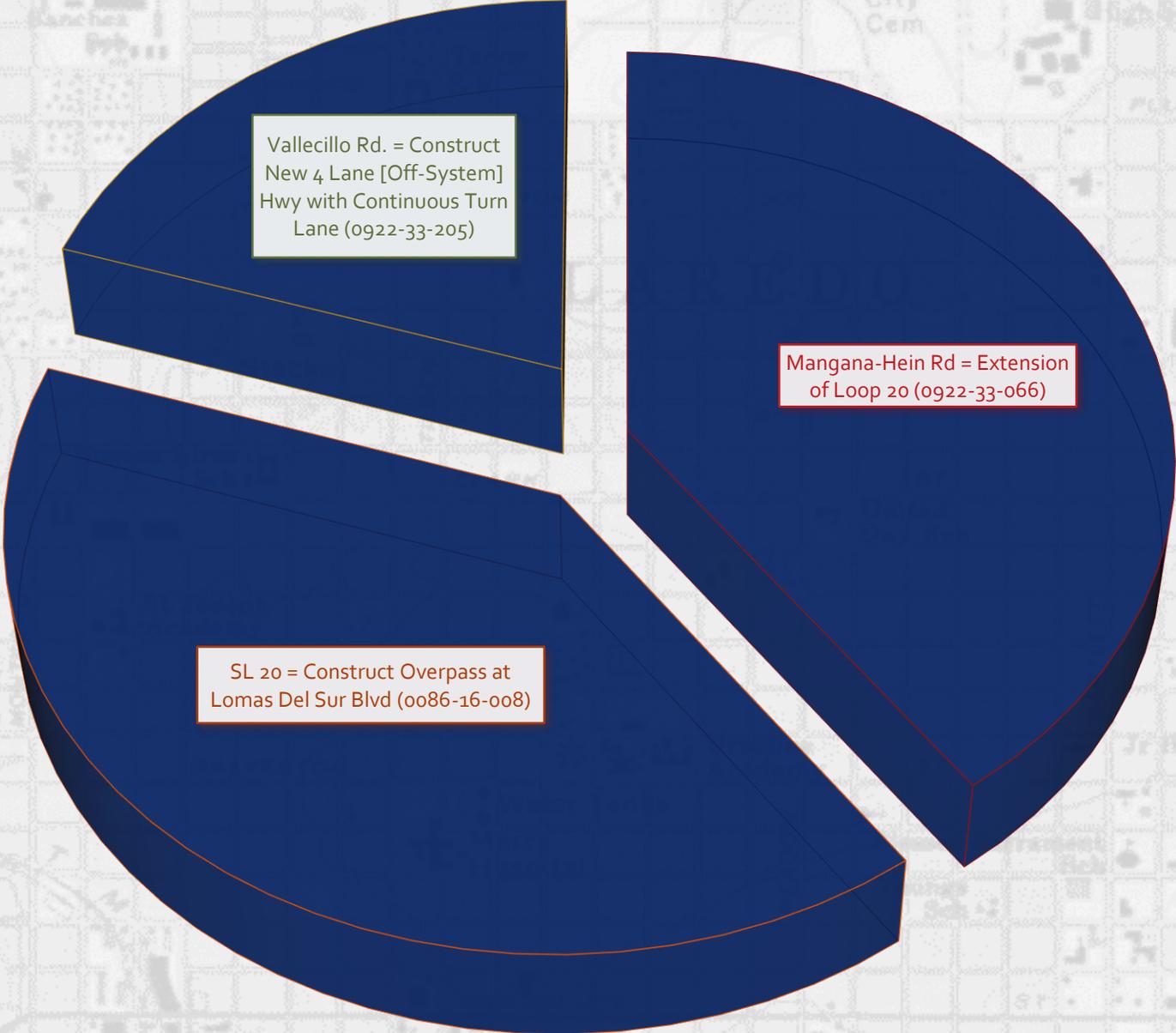


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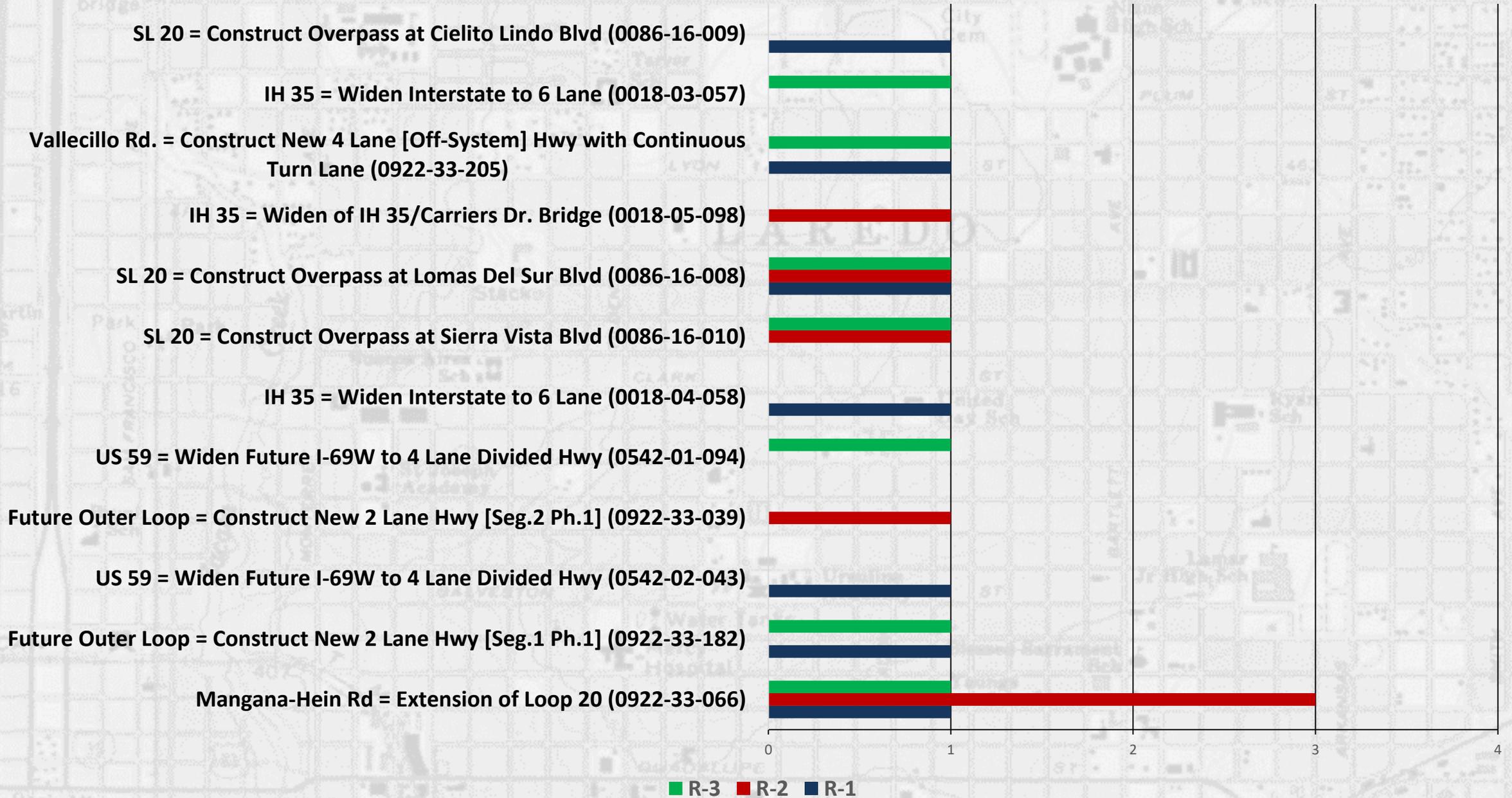
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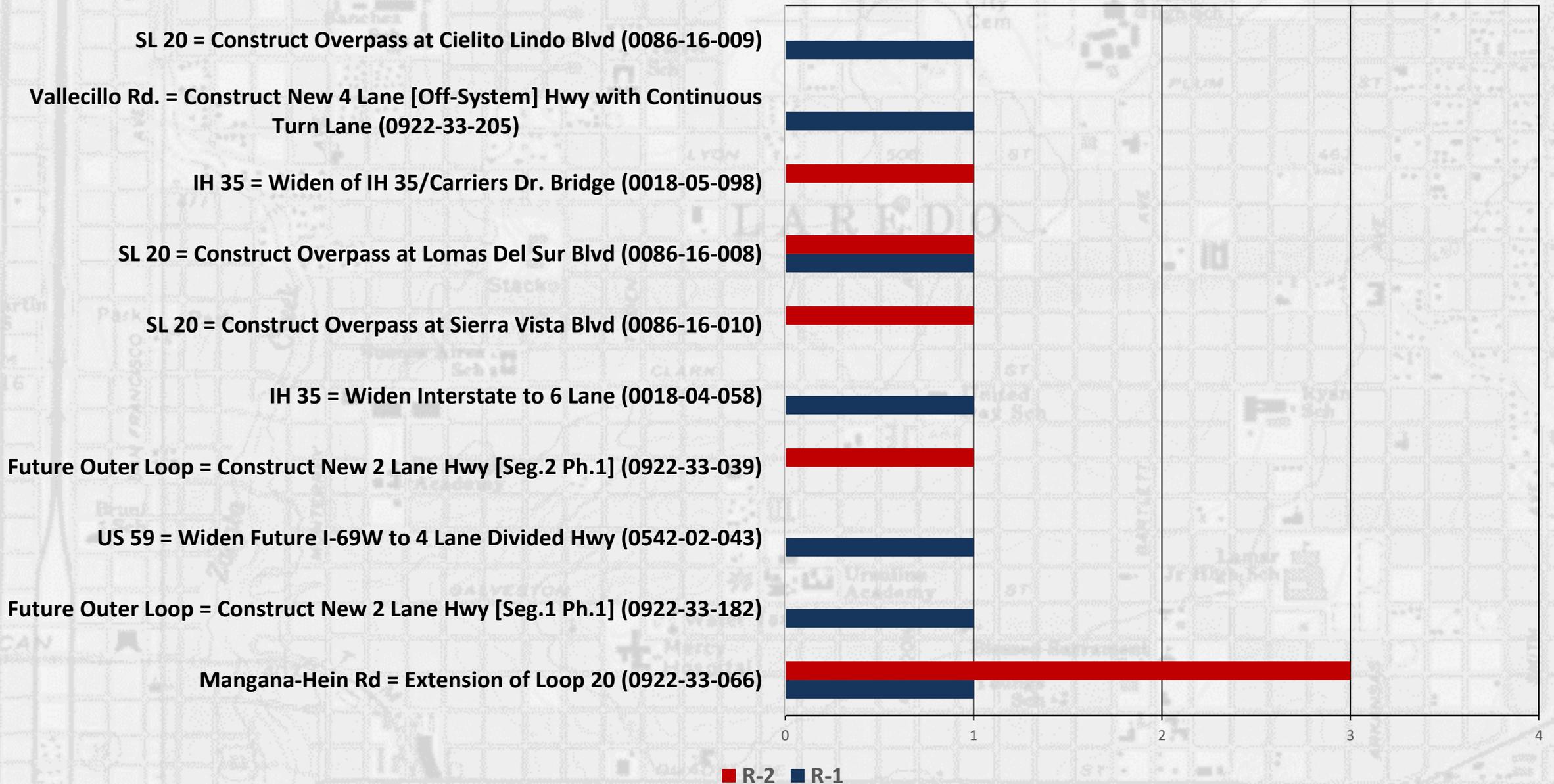


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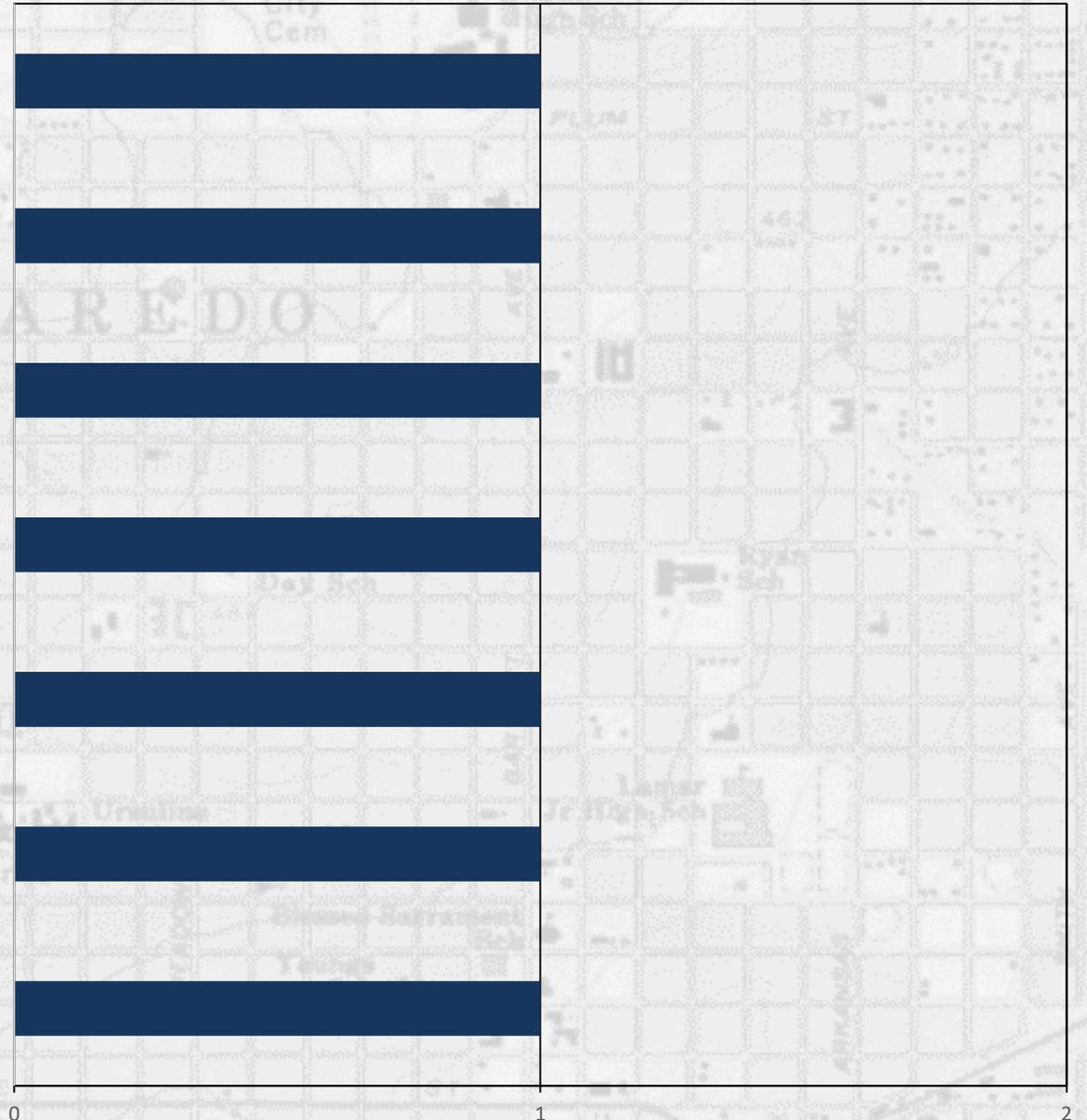


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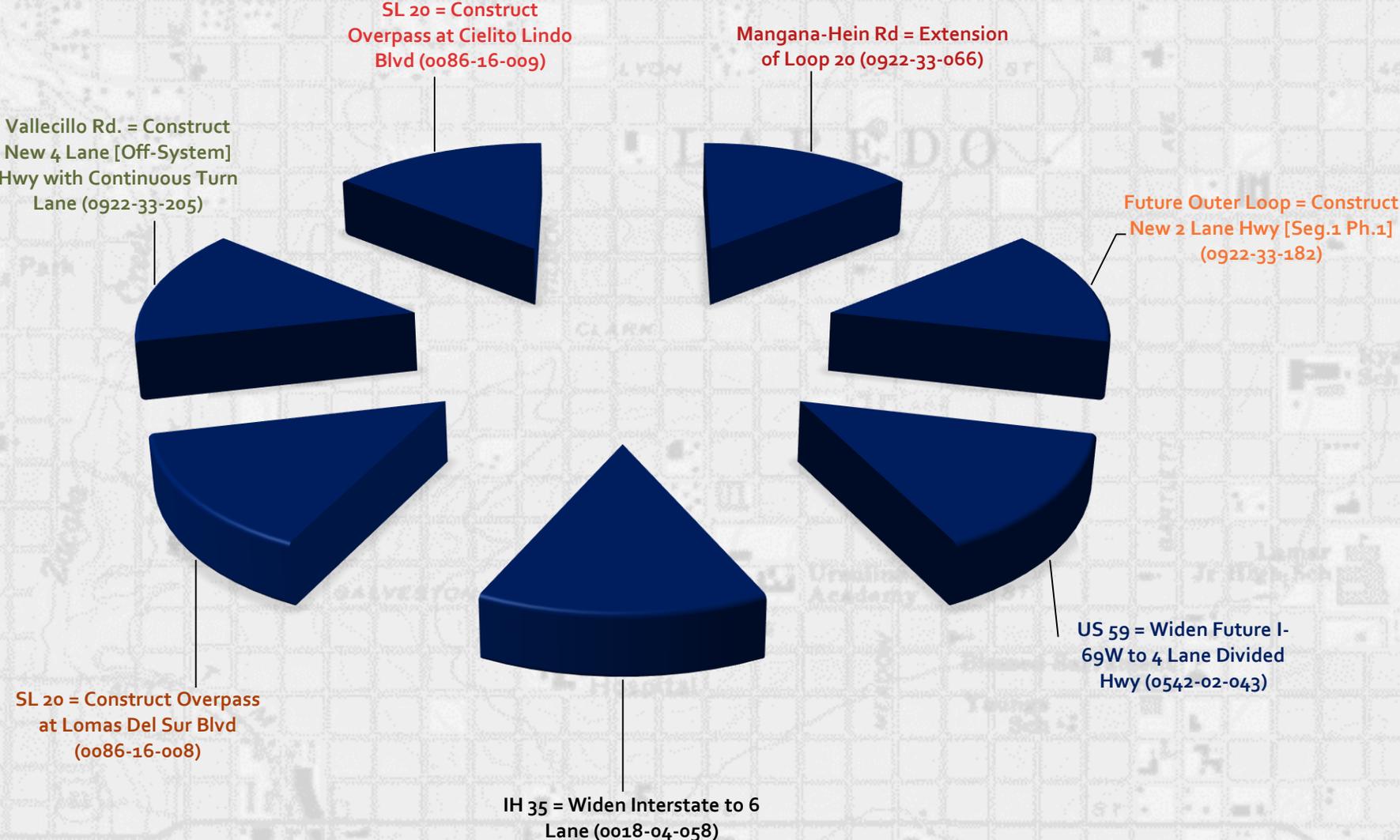


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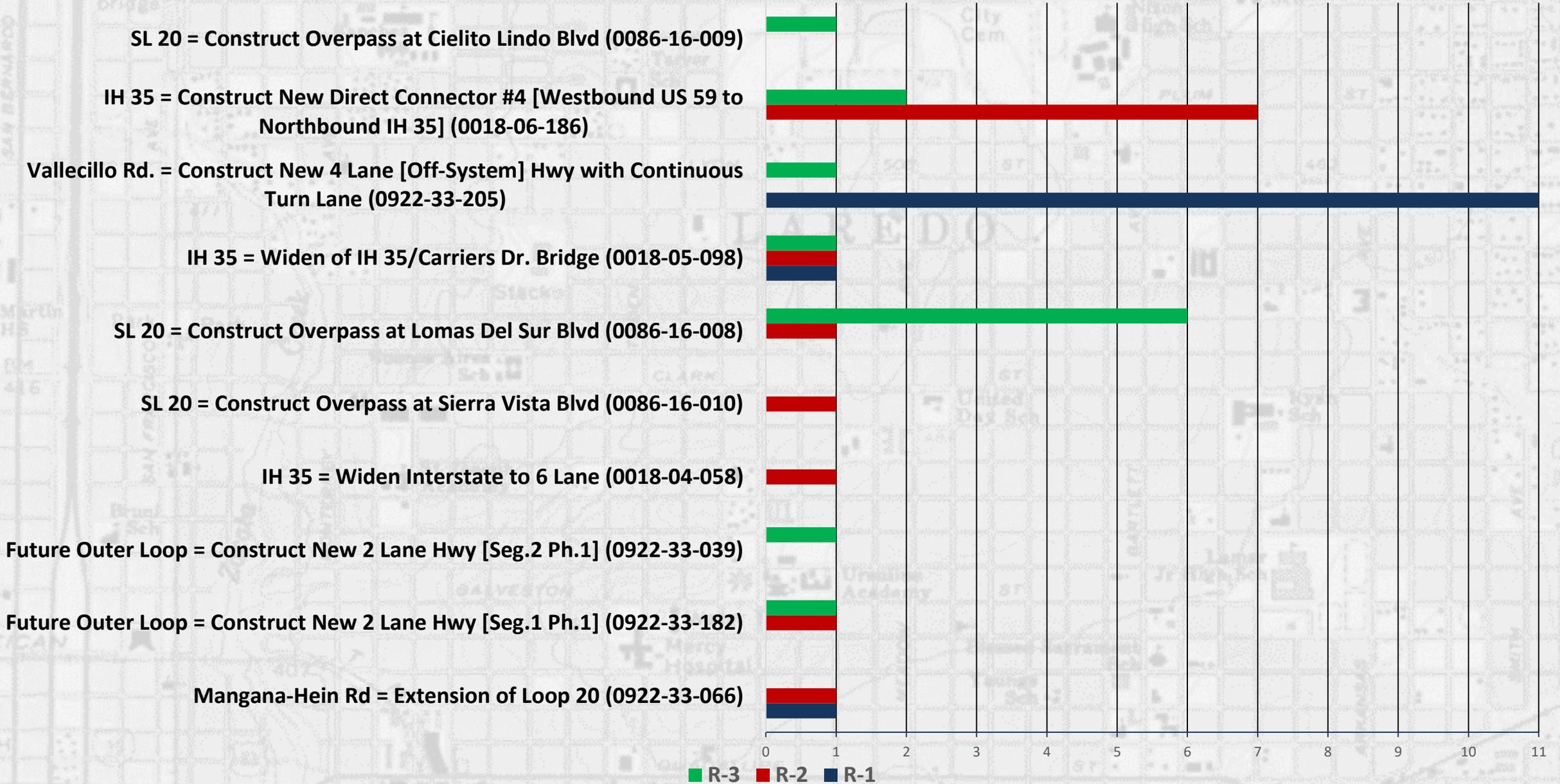
- SL 20 = Construct Overpass at Cielito Lindo Blvd (0086-16-009)**
- Vallecillo Rd. = Construct New 4 Lane [Off-System] Hwy with Continuous Turn Lane (0922-33-205)**
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- IH 35 = Widen Interstate to 6 Lane (0018-04-058)**
- US 59 = Widen Future I-69W to 4 Lane Divided Hwy (0542-02-043)**
- Future Outer Loop = Construct New 2 Lane Hwy [Seg.1 Ph.1] (0922-33-182)**
- Mangana-Hein Rd = Extension of Loop 20 (0922-33-066)**



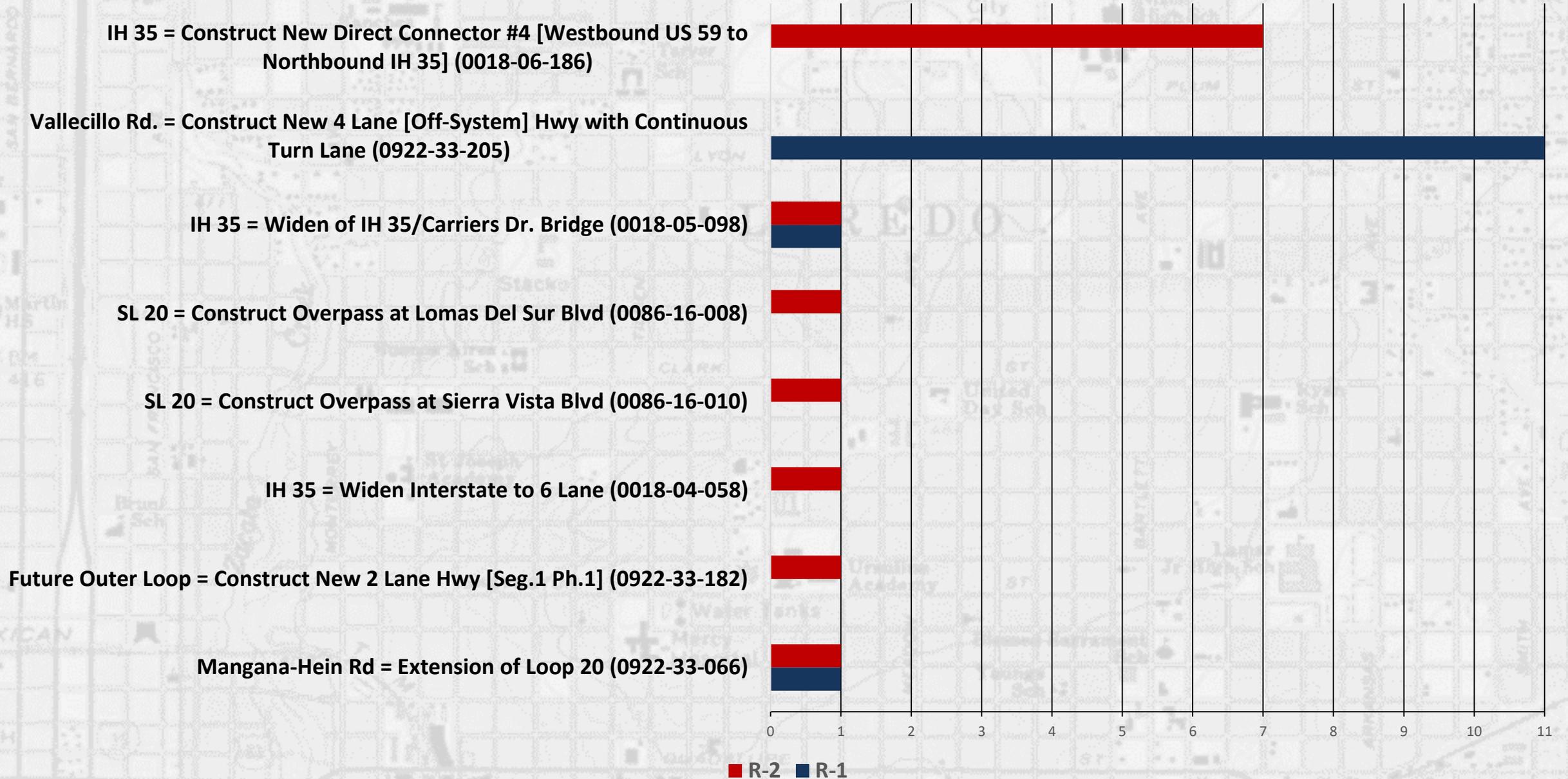
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Stakeholders: Projects Receiving Responses of 1, 2, or 3



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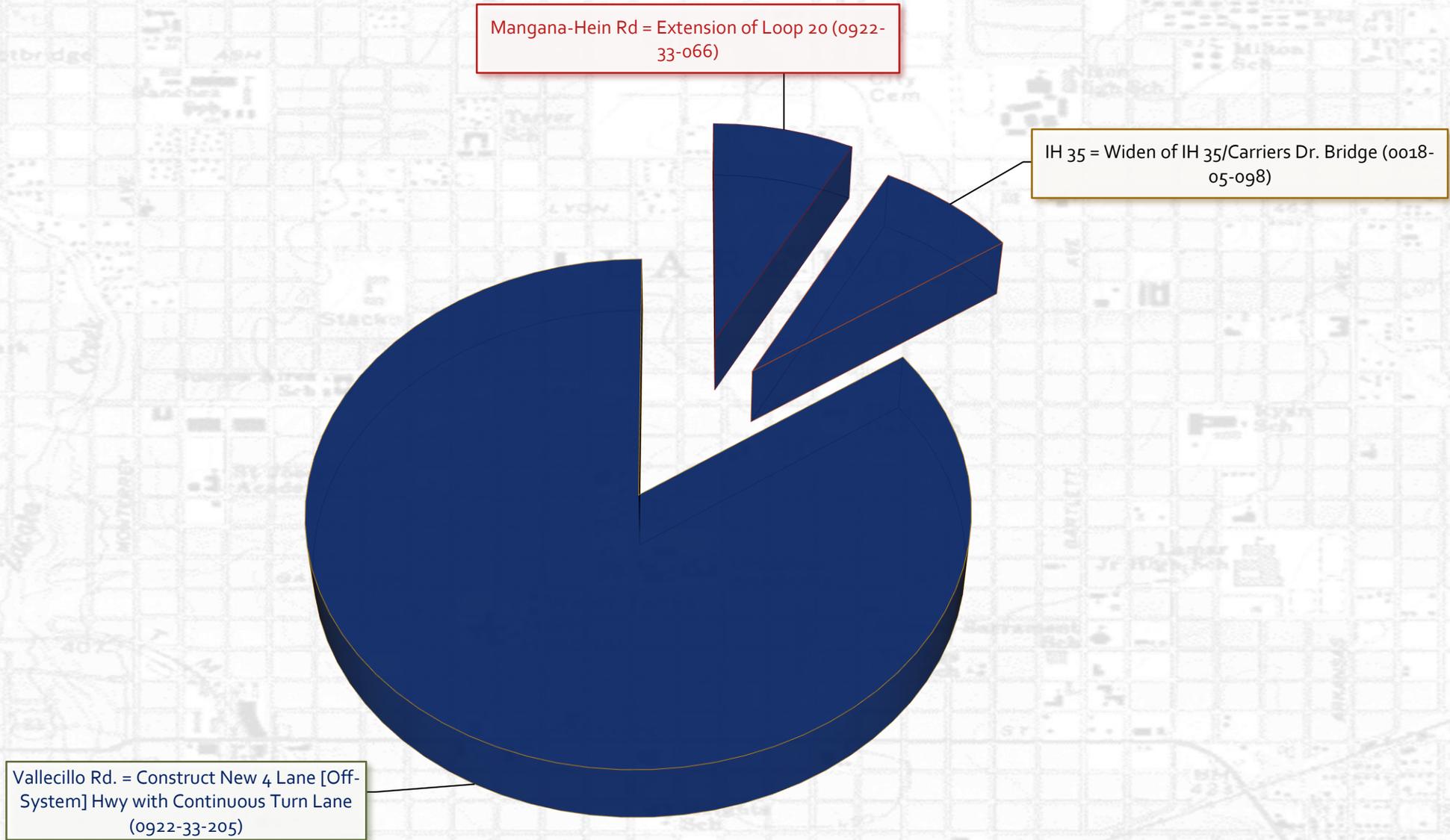


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STAKEHOLDERS: PROJECTS RECEIVING RESPONSES OF 1



Project Selection and Prioritization Process

- Projects are prioritized in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) using both objective and subjective measures.
- Do we need an annual prioritization process?
- Creating a prioritized project list using objective criteria.
- Staff is researching project selection and prioritization best practices.
- Work with the Technical Committee to create a new project selection and prioritization process.
 - i.e. Category 7 Project Selection Guidelines

Questions



THANK YOU!



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Director's Report March 16, 2022

1. The audit of the Laredo Webb County Area MPO by TxDOT is ongoing. An entrance conference was held on January 14, 2022. The fieldwork is scheduled through the end of March, with a report release tentatively scheduled for April 2022.
2. The MPO Process Review is nearing completion. Bill Frawley of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was in Laredo from March 8th through March 10th. During his visit we met with the City of Laredo Finance Director and Interim Human Resources Director to discuss final details in preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO and the City of Laredo (Fiscal Agent). We are also working with the HR Department to finalize a job description, create a position for the permanent full-time MPO Director, and determine the appropriate classification.
3. The El Metro Comprehensive Operation Analysis (COA) was adopted by the Mass Transit Board on February 22, 2022. MPO and El Metro staff will continue collaborating to help implement the recommendations of the COA. Additionally, we will continue to work closely with El Metro in our planning efforts to promote transit and improve multimodal mobility in our region.
4. MPO staff is working with TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Traffic Analysis and TTI staff to develop our Travel Demand Model with a base year of 2018 and a forecast year of 2050 as part of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update.
5. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
 - Active Transportation Committee – March 30, 2022
 - Technical Committee – April 12, 2022
 - Policy Committee – April 20, 2022